Peerless Drive Pvt. Ltd. The approval was granted in September, 1988 and is valid for a period of 2 years.

(b) There is no information of ONGC awarding any contract as yet to this Company.

Production of banned pesticides

610. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the devastating results of unrestricted manufacture, imports and exports of pesticides as reported in the 'India Today' of the 15th June, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that plans are under way for increased manufacture by public sector of several pesticides which are banned abroad; and

(c) whether UNIDO and other UN agencies are assisting and encouraging this country in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) Government is aware of the article which appeared in 'India Today'. The manufacture and use of pesticides in India is regulated under the Insecticides Act, 1961 and the rules framed there under by the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Setting up of oil refinery in the Eastern region

611. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up an oil refinery in the Eastern region of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any expert opinion from Oil India Limited for selecting the site ; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Government have decided to set up an oil refinery in Assam under the Assam Accord.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Theft of electricity in the Capital

612. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been theft of electricity in the Capital on a very large scale by the big industrial units;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to suggest measures to eliminate theft of power and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH